



William & Mary
School of Education

M.A.ED. – ESL/BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Teaching with compassion and hope.

Want to be an advocate for English language learners? Make it a reality with an M.A.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in ESL and Bilingual Education from William & Mary. Our program focuses on integrating theory, research and practice so that in one year, you'll be ready to step into the classroom with the knowledge, skills and strategies to confidently teach students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Get ready to make an impact on students and families.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People who wish to teach linguistically diverse students in K-12 general, ESL and bilingual classrooms. Intended for those not already certified to teach.

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree and basic knowledge of a foreign language

Course requirements: Full-time, on-campus 12 month program consisting of a minimum 41 credits including practicum and student teaching experiences
A Dual Endorsement option is available for W&M students already enrolled in another master's program in teaching

Entry term: Summer

Fieldwork: Clinical field experience (minimum of 60 hours) and a 15-week immersive teaching experience

FIELD EXPERIENCES

In addition to curriculum and instruction courses in language development for ESL and bilingual education, you will spend time in real classrooms throughout the program.

Fall clinical field experience: You'll be placed in a local school with a cooperating teacher to complete a minimum of 60 hours of observation and interaction. Coursework is linked to the field experiences, with faculty supporting students as they become immersed in the classroom.

Spring student teaching: Students continue working in the same classroom for their spring student teaching experience. This full-time teaching internship provides an intensive and critical component of your preparation as a teacher.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

SEMESTER ONE (Summer – 12 credits)

- Foundations of education
- Educational psychology and development
- Cross-cultural & linguistic communication
- Methods in teaching ESL

SEMESTER TWO (Fall – 15-18 credits)

- Bilingual education and dual language programs
- Understanding language: theory & practice
- Elementary reading and language arts curriculum and Instruction
- Classroom field experience

SEMESTER THREE (Spring – 14 credits)

- ESL curriculum design and materials
- ESL testing and evaluation
- Student teaching experience

LEARN MORE

Questions about the ESL/Bilingual Education program? Contact the program director:
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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The need for highly-educated, well-prepared teachers has never been greater. There is a steadily rising demand for teachers, especially in high-need areas such as STEM, ESL and special education. Graduates of our teacher preparation programs are highly sought by school districts throughout Virginia and across the nation.

William & Mary's department of Curriculum & Instruction is preparing tomorrow's educational leaders by providing a leading-edge and comprehensive experience for students. Our programs combine investigation of educational ideas and practices with supervised laboratory, clinical, and practicum experiences. They are designed to develop in students the specific knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are essential to effective teaching.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION PROGRAM OFFERINGS

GRADUATE LEVEL:

- M.A.Ed. – Elementary Education
- M.A.Ed. – Secondary Education: English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies
- M.A.Ed. – ESL/Bilingual Education
- Dual Endorsement – ESL/Bilingual Education
- M.A.Ed. – Special Education
- Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

- Education as a second major (Elementary, Secondary)
- 5th Year Option (Elementary, Secondary, ESL, Special Education)
- Minor in Educational Studies

APPLY NOW

Applications are due by January 15.

Find full details about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

WHY W&M?

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community

With just over 650 students, the School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You'll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education

Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg

Study at a campus that offers more than 300 years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field

Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They're passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life

You won't be stuck in a lecture hall and you won't have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage

Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.